Item	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
B. Physical Achievements (In Lakh Numbers)			
Employment Generated	148.52	78.04	200.66
C. Foodgrains (In 000 MTs)			
1. Total Allocation	*	*	159.20
2. Total Release	*	*	159.20

*= Foodgrains component has been introduced since 2001-2002.

Re-Deployment of troops from International Border

*27. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the objectives for the deployment of troops on the International Border;

(b) whether the deployment of troops achieved its objectives;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government's decision to redeploy the troops from International Border indicate the improvement in the situation which necessitated the deployment of the troops?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The mobilization of the Armed Forces (Operation Parakram) was done in December, 2001 to force Pakistan to abandon cross border terrorism, to provide military muscle to our diplomacy; and also to exercise the military option against Pakistan, if deemed necessary.

The mobilization of the Armed Forces has achieved the intended objectives with great distinction. It exerted immense military pressure on Pakistan and forced the Pakistan President to denounce support to 'jihad' through his speeches of 12th January and 27th May 2002. Some of the terrorist organizations in Pakistan were banned, some terrorists camps in Pak Occupied Kashmir were closed, their accounts frozen and leaders

arrested. Moreover, the infiltration this year has come down to 53 per cent of the figures of corresponding period of the previous year. The election to the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly was successfully conducted in September and October 2002 despite terrorist violence and intimidation.

In addition, the mobilization focussed the attention of the international community on Pakistan as a State sponsoring terrorism, thereby pressurizing Pakistan to shun cross border terrorism.

The experience gained during the mobilization has enabled the Army to reassess and revalidate its operational plans and procedures.

Collapse of Western Grid

*28. SHRI GHULAM NAVI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the wake of the collapse of the Western Grid on 30th July, 2002, the Union Government had called a meeting of State Chief Ministers on 5th August, 2002;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed;

(c) whether any probe was ordered on the grid failure;

(d) if so, what was the outcome of the probe; and

(e) what are the steps being taken to see that such grid failure does not take place again?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a meeting of the State Power Ministers (except North Eastern States) was held on 5th August, 2002 in New Delhi to evolve strategy to tackle power demand during the prevailing drought situation in the country. During the meeting, besides other initiatives to be taken, emphasis was also given on maintenance of grid discipline during the period of shortages to prevent grid disturbance.

(c) Yes, Sir. An Enquiry Committee was constituted by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) under the Chairmanship of Shri R.K. Narayanan, Ex-CMD, Power Grid with terms of reference among other things, to